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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: CIVIL AVIATION PURCHASING PROGRAM

DEPT PASS COMMERCE (OED:RCOHN, OIM:HLINDSTROM); LONDON FOR USTC;
BEIRUT FOR RCAA

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1. DURING VISIT OF FAA GROUP LED BY ALBERT GAMMON AND RCAA
DWOR WITH GEN. E. LAITMER, GOVERNOR OF HELLENIC CIVIL
AVIATION AUTHORITY (HCAA), GEN. LAITMER DISCUSSED PLANS
FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES, WHICH INCLUDE:
(A) ACQUISITION ONE FLIGHT STANDARDS CONTROL AIRCRAFT,
TWIN JET WITH PRESSURIZED CABIN, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TENDER TO BE
OPENED DECEMBER 74. REQUIREMENT IS THAT TYPE AIRCRAFT BE SAME
AS ONE ALREADY IN USE FOR THAT PURPOSE. TOTAL BUDGET, INCLUDING
ELECTRONICS, \$2,700,000. MR. GAMMON NOTED THAT FAA USES CESSNA
CITATIONS AND HAS PURCHASED ROCKWELL SABRELINERS. AIRCRAFT WOULD
PRESUMABLY BE USED ALSO IN THIRD COUNTRIES (E.G. LIBYA).
IF DEMAND ADQUATE, SECOND PLANE WOULD BE ORDERED AFTER 12 MONTHS.
(B) HCAA WISHES BEGIN INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED RADAR TRAFFIC
SYSTEM (ARTS II OR III) IN 1975; ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$10 MILLION.

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MR. GAMMON INVITED GEN. LAITMER TO FARNBOROUGH TO VIEW THE NAS,

WITH POSSIBLE FURTHER TRIPS TO VIEW THE SYSTEM IN OPERATION IN NEW YORK.

GEN. LAITMER REPLIED HE UNABLE VISIT FARNBOROUGH, BUT THAT HIS DEPUTY AND RONGOPOULOS, CHIEF SECTION "A", WITH RANK DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MAY ATTEND. A FUTURE VISIT TO N.Y BY RANKING HCAA OFFICIAL ALSO LIKELY.

2. FOR USMC LONDON: WILL ADVISE IF TRIP BY HCAA OFFICIALS TO FARNBOROUGH MATERIALIZES. SUCH OFFICIALS WOULD REPRESENT MOST IMPORTANT SALES PROSPECT FOR AIR SHOW IN GREECE AT PRESENT TIME.

3. FOR COMMERCE, LINDSTROM: COMMERCE MAY WISH ALERT MEMBERS OF JANUARY 1974 AIRPORT COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL SEMINAR TO ARTS OPPORTUNITY.
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